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Idaho May Red Meat Production Down 14 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for May 2010 totaled 15.9 million pounds, down 14 percent from May of last year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Accumulated red meat production for the January-May 2010 period totaled 83.2 million pounds, down 13 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.73 billion pounds in May, down 5 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in May 2009. Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was down 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,249 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 2 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 60,400 head, down 8 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from last year, at 286 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.62 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.97 million head, down 6 percent from May 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 3 percent from May 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 182,700 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 2 pounds from May a year ago. January to May 2010 commercial red meat production was 19.7 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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